

CHAPTER 3 SECTION 5.1

CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEM

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I. PROCEDURE CODE RANGE

33010 - 33130, 33200 - 37799, 92950 - 93744, 93770, 93797 - 93799

II. DESCRIPTION

The cardiovascular system involves the heart and blood vessels, by which blood is pumped and circulated through the body.

III. POLICY

A. Medically necessary services and supplies required in the diagnosis and treatment of illness or injury involving the cardiovascular system are covered.

B. Ventricular assist devices (external and implantable) are covered if the device is FDA approved and used in accordance with FDA approved indications.

IV. EXCLUSIONS

A. External ventricular assist device if the device is used while the patient is awaiting a heart transplant.

B. Thermogram; cephalic (93760); peripheral (93762).

C. Ambulatory blood pressure monitoring, utilizing a system such as magnetic tape and/or computer disk, for 24 hours or longer, including recording, scanning analysis, interpretation and report (93784); recording only (93786); scanning analysis with report (93788); physician review with interpretation and report (93790).

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